

The letter received in reply, reads in part as follows:

"After receiving sentence the prisoner stated he was at a loss to know how his prints could be left at the scene of the crime as he had worn gloves for the express purpose of avoiding this. However, on examining the gloves, we found a hole in the left thumb which proved to be his undoing."

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On March 17th, Constable E. Davis was detailed to escort prisoners C. P. Nolan and P. Sullivan from Edmonton to Prince Albert, they having been convicted on charges of breaking, entering and theft and sentenced to terms of seven and five years respectively in Saskatchewan Penitentiary. Both prisoners were known to have long criminal records.

Leaving Edmonton at 10.40 p.m. the journey was uneventful until 5.30 a.m. of the following morning, when, upon nearing Saskatoon, one of the prisoners obtained possession of an empty bottle which had been left in the compartment by a passenger, and with this attacked Constable Davis. In dealing with this incident Constable Davis reports as follows:

"I was seated in the smoking compartment and heard the sound of a door shutting with what appeared to be more noise than usual and turned my head to see who was going by, when I received a severe blow, and found myself standing in the doorway of the compartment facing the two prisoners who were in a menacing attitude. I noticed that one of the men had a bottle in his hand and rushed in to overpower him, but was beaten over the head and driven backwards towards the door. To a man standing in the corridor towards the rear of the coach I handed, for safety, my purse containing the keys to the legirons. I then rushed back to the smoking compartment, where there was a mixup, and I remember my head being pulled forward by my revolver lanyard and I was still being beaten over the head. I realized that the prisoners were attempting to escape and observed that prisoner Nolan had my gun and was standing on a seat near a broken window pointing the gun directly in line with my face and chest. I then made another attempt to regain possession of the weapon, but was once more beaten over the head and forced back to the door. In the meantime Nolan fired one or two shots at the legiron chain. I endeavoured to locate the communication cord, but without success. I then observed that Nolan was standing on the seat with the muzzle of the gun pointed at his mouth, and I immediately grabbed him and ultimately secured the gun, which I handed to some person who was behind me. In the meantime a small coal shovel had been handed to me by a fellow passenger by the aid of which weapon the prisoners were finally overpowered and again handcuffed. The journey was then continued to Saskatoon, where the prisoners received medical attention before proceeding on to Prince Albert."

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Recently a member of Campbellton Sub-Division conducted an investigation regarding the theft of a quantity of black oats from a settler in his district. The investigation disclosed foot marks on harrowed land, also grass, leading to and from the barn from which the oats were stolen. The tracks led